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1. In the middle of October 1951, the Soviet komandatura in Bitterfeld moved from Luisenstrasse to three houses, each with 6 to 8 rooms, in the Anhalter settlement at Bitterfeld. The three houses had apparently been occupied by Soviet families before. The officers of the komandatura were repeatedly exchanged. *
2. Officers identified at the komandatura in Bitterfeld in mid-October included: Major Vasilevski, (fnu), chief; Majors Mikiiforov, (fnu), and Melnikov, (fnu); Captain Pinayev, (fnu), administrative officer; Captain Timofeyev, (fnu), motor transport officer; and Senior Lieutenant Zidorov, (fnu), personnel officer. Detached officers included: Major Kashkin, (fnu), in Halle; Major Yeliseyev, (fnu), in Babelsherr; Captain Yerino, (fnu), attending a course; Major Kosholev, (fnu), and Captain Sokolov, (fnu), apparently attending a course; and Captain Petrushevski, (fnu), in Halle or on leave. **
3. Rumors in August and September regarding a transfer of the komandatura to Halle were refuted by Major Mikiiforov, who stated that the komandatura would remain in Bitterfeld because troops would be stationed in Bitterfeld and Delitzsch. Civilian residents were being evicted from the former German Air Force settlement in Delitzsch in October. The staff of the komandatura in Bitterfeld included about 35 RM.

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4. On 21 October, General Storoshko, (fnu) arrived at the komandatura and heard a report from Majors Vasilevski and Melnikov on the installations of the Bruckdorf artillery range near Halle. The officers specified that the artillery range was guarded, that a kitchen building contained four cauldrons, and that the low wooden barracks buildings contained double decker bunks, tables and washing facilities. The general mentioned that an undetermined regiment was on its way to the artillery range. ***

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Comment. An SOG komandatura in Bitterfeld was mentioned in a previous report, however, its location was not specifically stated.

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Comment. Officers previously reported in conjunction with the komandatura are: Vasilevski, Melnikov, Mikiiforov, Zidorov, Kashkin, Yeliseyev and Petrushevski, (fnu).

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25X1 [] Comment. The report for the first time mentions an artillery range at Bruckdorf, southeast of Halle. The alleged movement of a regiment to the range was possibly connected with the field exercises in this area by components of the XXVIII Gds Itz Rifle Corps between 23 and 25 October 1951. []

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